□THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) 4827.

(b) The number appointed through direct recruitment is 705 and the number appointed through seniority quota is 2046.

(c) Most of the remaining posts were filled by ad-hoc promotion of Upper Division Clerks.

Posts of Special Secretaries

503. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Special Secretaries presently in Government of India ;

(b) the reasons for creation of new posts of Special Secretaries ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to create more posts of Special Secretaries ; and

(d) if so, how many more are likely to be created ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Thirteen officers are at present working as Special Secretaries to the Government of India.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal to create additional posts of Special Secretaries.

Public Holidays Affecting Work Culture

504. SHRI BISHAMBER NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of public holidays are increasing under public pressure, affecting work culture and productivity in Government offices ;

(b) if so, how many public holidays have been increased during the last ten years ; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to tone up the administration, their work culture and productivity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) During the last 10 years, only once occasion (Prophet Mohammad's birthday) has been added to the list of regular holidays for Central Government Administrative Offices.

(c) Toning up of the Administration is a continuous process and is sought to be achieved through systematic monitoring, periodic reviews, introduction of modern aids and advanced technology.

तदर्थ कर्मचारियों की पदोन्नति

505 श्री कामेश्वर पासवान : क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय बहुत से निर्णयों में तदर्थ सेवा को, यदि पदधारी तदर्थ सेवा के क्रम में नियमित रहा है, पदोन्नति आदि के लिए गणना करने संबंधी निर्णयों को लागू करने के लिए निदेश जारी करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में मुकदमेबाजी को कम करने के लिए सरकार कब तक सामान्य अनुदेश जारी करने का विचार रखती है ?

कार्मिक- लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा): (क) और (ख) तदर्थ स्थानापन्न (सेवा की गणना वरिष्ठता/पदोन्नति हेतु करने संबंधी उच्चतम न्यायालय के अलग-अलग निर्णयों में दिए गए निदेशों को कार्यान्वित किया गया है। तथापि उच्चतम न्यायालय ने स्वयं ही, कुछ मामलों में यह कहा है कि जहां प्रारम्भिक नियुक्ति केवल तदर्थ आधार पर ही की गई है तथा यह नियमों के अनुसार नहीं है वह बाद में की गई नियमितता में अन्तस्थ सेवा के लिए वरिष्ठता लाभ नहीं दिया जा सकता है। अतः ऐसी कोई सामान्य नीति बनाना संभव नहीं है जिसके अनुसार सभी/मामलों में तदर्थ सेवा की गणना वरिष्ठता/पदोन्नति के लिए की जा सके।

Empanelment of IAS Officers to the Post of Secretary

506. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1308 given in the Rajya Sabha on March 4, 1993 and state :

(a) the number of IAS officers of 1962 batch who have served abroad international agencies and have been empaneled as Secretaries ; and

(b) whether Government propose to review the matter of promotion of such IAS officers of 1962 batch who are drawing foreign pensions or otherwise deeply involved in foreign organisations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Five.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

Study on Cost Escalation of Projects

507. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that a recent study of his Ministry has revealed a 75 per cent cost escalation in 316 minor, major and mega projects and time overruns between one and ten years ;

(b) if so, what are the other observations made in the study ; and

(c) what are the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As on 31st December, 1992, 303 projects on the monitor of the Deptt. of Programme Implementation have registered a cost overrun of 47.7 per cent with respect to their latest cost approved by the Government. Bulk of the cost overrun is in 177 delayed projects. The range of delay is between 3 to 144 months.